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Sent: 3/12/2019 3:54:24 PM
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CC: Klevs, Mardi [klevs.mardi@epa.gov]; Jones, Margaret [jones.margaret@epa.gov]; Star, David [star.david@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: DTN Glyphosate Article
Attachments: RE: Glyphosate product labeled for soybean varieties with Roundup Ready gene

Sharing the most recent communication from Minnesota, attached. It appears MDA was not able to submit its inquiry via SLITs and will likely reach out to Ruben on this.

Regards,
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Helene,

Thank you. We have now also received a similar inquiry from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture about EPA Reg. No. 72159-7 and its use on non-Round up Ready soybeans. Any updates on how the Agency is planning to address this issue?

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Thanks Estrella.

I will reach out to OCE and OPP to see what next steps are planned.

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Importance: High

All,

Back in February 2019, Region 5 received a request for guidance from the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA). The guidance ODA was seeking surrounds the use of pesticide products labeled for use on "Round up Ready Crops" and the potential for its use on the new glyphosate resistant soybean, LLGT27. In an attempt to provide guidance to ODA we convened a call with Ruben Baris of OPP and ODA. Subsequent to the call we continued to work on a response for ODA.

We later became aware of a press inquiry received by OPP that seemed to be seeking the same information to that of ODA. So, we contacted Ruben again to find out if we could share OPP's statement with ODA and we were advised that we could convey the message without block copying. Region 5 modified the messaging and shared it with ODA. After sending the guidance to ODA it was also shared with Royan Teter, OCE.

Since then, we have become aware that BASF and Bayer are issuing conflicting statements. BASF is stating that "...glyphosate labels should not be limited to certain branded glyphosate-tolerant crops" and "...EPA label language should not be restricted to certain branded glyphosate-tolerant crops (e.g., Roundup Ready). Bayer is stating, "...Roundup brand agricultural herbicides are not currently registered for use over the top of LibertyLink GT27 soybeans. As such, the use of Roundup brand agricultural herbicides over the top of LLGT27 are not allowed...The only type of crop currently labeled on the Roundup brand agricultural herbicides labels for over the top usage are Roundup Ready Crops." See attached for communications from BASF and Bayer that were shared with us by way of ODA.

ODA now anticipates it will likely begin to receive calls about what pesticides can be used on LLGT27 soybeans and have contacted Region 5 to assist with pesticide label interpretations for a number of pesticide labels already. Has OPP, OCE or OC considered what message needs to be shared publicly to address the inconsistencies in registrant messaging? Let us know if we need to meet to discuss this issue further or if this is something OPP, OCE and OC are already working towards addressing. I advised ODA that I would follow-up with them early next week, so if you could let us know as soon as possible that would be great. Thank you.

DTN quotes EPA's emailed statement:

<https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/crops/article/2018/10/23/manage-indianmeal-moth>

OSU quotes EPA, Region 5's emailed statement:

<https://agcrops.osu.edu/newsletter/corn-newsletter/2019-05/what%E2%80%99s-legal-apply-ll-gt27-soybean-%E2%80%93-maybe-almost-final-story>

Seems we left them scratching their heads and looking for the "head scratching emoji".

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Let me know if any issues, I was fine with our part.

<https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/crops/article/2018/10/23/manage-indianmeal-moth>

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